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For: TRANSGENIC RICE PLANT AND ITS FAMILY WITH )  
ENVIRONMENTAL STRESS RESISTANT BY PROLINE )  
ACCUMULATION OF HIGH LEVEL AND ITS )  
PRODUCTION )

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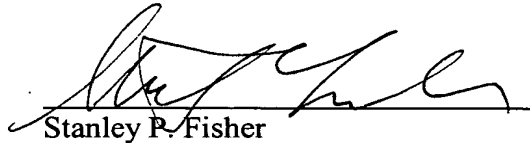
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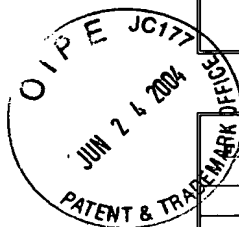
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